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## AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

This is an Amendment and Response to Office Action in response to the Office Action, mailed October 9, 2007, wherein the Examiner rejected Claims 21-35 and 41-45 in view of prior art references.

Applicant gratefully acknowledges the Examiner's time and courtesy extended during the Examiner Interview with Applicant on October 18, 2007.

Based on the following Amendments and Remarks, the application is deemed to be in condition for allowance and action to that end is respectfully requested.

Please amend the application as follows: